Killings of wild animals in wild life sanctuaries

3914. SHRI RAJKUMAR DHOOT: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nexus between poachers and corrupt forest officials has been responsible for most of the killings of wild animals in wild life sanctuaries;

(b) the number of wild cats like lions, tigers, leopards etc. found killed or missing in mysterious circumstances during 2004-05 in different sanctuaries;

(c) whether any official/poacher found involved in killing of wild cats was brought to took; and

(d) if so, details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) No such nexus has been reported.

(b) The mortality figures of wild cats (lion, leopard & tiger) as reported by States during 2004-05 is as under:-

Sl.No.	Species	2004	2005
1.	Tiger	8	2
2.	Leopard	25	90
3.	Lion	1	-

(c) and (d) Details of prosecution and conviction of individual wildlife poaching cases are not collated at the Government of India level.

Project on coastal and marine bio-diversity

3915. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALAIA: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a co-ordinated project on Coastal and Marine Biodiversity has been launched in the year 1999-2000;

(b) if so, the objectives of the project;

(c) the current status of its implementation, particularly in regard to the conservation of mangroves, coral reefs and other marine lives in the coastal zone;

(d) whether Government issued a Coastal Regulation Zone (CRZ) Notification in 1991 under the Environment (Protection) Act, 1986;